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Atty. Dkt. No. ROC920010084US1

MPS Ref. No.: IBMK10084

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action dated June 21, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 21, 2005. Applicants submit this response to place the application in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 8, 11, 12, 31-34, 38, 39, and 42-46 are pending in the application. Claims 11, 12, 31-34, 38, 39, and 42-45 remain pending following entry of this response. Claims 8 and 46 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Cai et al.* (6,246,757 hereinafter *Cai*) in view of *Bayless et al.* (5,754,636 hereinafter *Bayless*).

Claim 46 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Cai* in view of *Liljestrand et al.* (2001/0038689).

Therefore, the claims are believed to be allowable, and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

The secondary references made of record are noted. However, it is believed that the secondary references are no more pertinent to the Applicants' disclosure than the primary references cited in the office action. Therefore, Applicants believe that a detailed discussion of the secondary references is not necessary for a full and complete response to this office action.

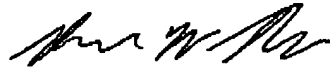
Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

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If the Examiner believes any issues remain that prevent this application from going to issue, the Examiner is strongly encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss strategies for moving prosecution forward toward allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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